Company	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
BPCL	4827.35	5059.17	6666.63
IBP	399.66	548.63	424.92
EIL	108.07	59.83	89.62
KRL	1468.35	1259.64	1890.06
CPCL	809.48	616.25	1154.51
BRPL	182.60	206.98	151.86

Setting up of Gas Trading Company by GAIL

1489. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Ltd., proposes to set up a separate company to undertake gas trading work both in India and in overseas market;

(b) whether this proposed company will be a joint venture or in partnership with a private sector company; and

(c) by when, the new company is likely to be in position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) The idea to set up a separate company to undertake gas trading by GAIL (India) Limited is at a conceptual stage and the decision in this regard would depend on the regulatory requirement in future. Details of the proposal have not been worked out.

Natural Gas Pipeline Grid by GAIL

1490. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether GAIL is planning to set up a National Gas Pipeline Grid;

(b) if so, by when the project will be completed and at what cost and in which area; and

(c) whether GAIL is adhering to the international practice of choosing gas pipeline for this kind of projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. GAIL propose to implement the National Gas Grid Project linking various sources of gas to demand centers with natural gas pipelines, in a phased manner. As per the preliminary estimates, the Phase-I of the National Gas Grid involves approximately 7,900 Kms. of pipeline and an expenditure of Rs. 20,000 crore. The Phase-I of the project is expected to be completed in 5-7 years, depending upon the availability of gas and marketing tie up.

(c) GAIL follows the procedure of international competitive bidding for all tenders where the value of order is more than Rs. 5 crores.

Lottery system for dealership selection

1491. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines prescribed by Government for selection of dealers/distributors for allotment of petrol pumps, gas agencies etc. by the public sector oil companies; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to direct the public sector undertakings to allot dealership to candidates fulfilling the criteria laid down by Government on the basis of lottery system and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) After the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) in the petroleum sector with effect from 1.4.2002, the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) are authorized to select dealers/ distributors for retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps), LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships on the basis of guidelines adopted by them. The Government have only advised the OMCs to observe certain broad parameters in the guidelines, and these parameters do not include any suggestion for allotment of dealerships/ distributorships through the system of lottery.

Dealership selection Guidelines

1492. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to remove the informal ban